



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY
Directorate G - Veterinary and International affairs
Animal Welfare

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Dear Petitioner

The Commission has received many letters from citizens in which they express their concerns for the way stray dogs are treated in Romania.

The Commission is fully aware that the control of the dog and cat population, including the welfare of stray animals, may be problematic in some Member States.

To date, the welfare of stray dogs and cats is not governed by EU rules and remains under the sole responsibility of the Member State concerned.

However, the EU has supported the adoption of international guidelines by the World Organisation for Animal Health¹ for the control of stray dog populations. It remains up to each country, as a member of this organisation, to implement them.

In addition, the Commission is active in promoting and encouraging good practices on companion animal welfare and cooperates with other organisations in the development of the "CARODOG" website², an informative platform aiming at promoting responsible animal ownership as a fundamental precondition for a pet friendly society.

Signed by,

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¹ http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_aw_stray_dog.htm

² www.carodog.eu